

FIRING ON U. S. S. LAUNCH IS TO WARN OF MINES

TURKEY EXPLAINS
SMYRNA INCIDENT;
ACTS VOLUNTARILY

Washington Admits That
Danger of Serious Com-
plications Disappears.

WARNING SHOTS FIRED
TOWARD SHIP'S LAUNCH

Merely Customary Notice That
Port Is Mined and Closed
to Navigation.

MESSAGE FROM MORGENTHAU

Believed to Be Precursor of Satis-
factory Formal Ex-
planation.

WASHINGTON, November 21.—Tur-
key has explained its attitude toward
the United States government, through
Ambassador Morgenthau, that shots
fired toward the American cruiser Ten-
nessee's launch last Monday were in-
tended merely as the customary warn-
ing that the port of Smyrna was mined
and closed to navigation.

Although the explanation is informal,
it was admitted at the White House
and the Secretary of State's Depart-
ment that all danger of serious
complications had disappeared.

Ambassador Morgenthau reported
that two members of the Ottoman
Cabinet had fully explained the oc-
currence, and high officials here said
his message was a flood before instruc-
tions sent to him from Washington
to discuss the subject directly with
the Grand Vizier could have been re-
ceived. President Wilson and his Cab-
inet regard the informal explanation
as a certain precursor of a satisfac-
tory formal explanation, and guaran-
tees by the Turkish government of the
protection of Americans and their
interests.

The message from Mr. Morgenthau,
dated November 16, and delivered en
route, relieved a delicate situation. It
arrived late in the day, and was dis-
cussed at a conference to-night be-
tween the president, Secretary Dan-
iels, and acting Secretary Lansing of
the State Department.

STATEMENT ISSUED
AT WHITE HOUSE

After the conference the following
statement was issued at the White
House:

"Dispatches concerning the Smyrna
incident have just been received from
Ambassador Morgenthau, which were
sent before he had received any com-
munication from the State Depart-
ment. He informs the government
that on the evening of the day on
which the incident occurred (on Mon-
day last), the Ottoman Minister of the
Interior informed the commander of
the cruiser that the port of Smyrna
was mined and closed to navigation.
He added that the Governor-General,
after the incident, had offered to take
the cruiser to the port of Mityla, and
that the Turkish government was com-
mitted to the American consulate at
Smyrna, officials declare, indicated
clearly the friendliness of the Turkish
officials.

"Owing to the extreme difficulty of
communicating with Constantinople,
no further advice has yet been received.
The Turkish government has been sent
to the ambassador. We are still await-
ing the ambassador's reply to those in-
structions."

FRIENDLINESS OF OFFICIALS
IS CLEARLY INDICATED

The fact that the Governor-General
of Smyrna offered to take Captain
Pecker, of the Tennessee, to the port
of Mityla, and that the Turkish
officials declared, indicated clearly
the friendliness of the Turkish
officials.

Secretary Daniels announced to-day
that his orders to the commanders of
the Tennessee and North Carolina, sus-
pending naval regulations which give
them authority to take action in the
event of a hostile attack, would be re-
voked to-morrow. The vessels may
be given the same latitude they pre-
viously had enjoyed. The vessels may
not remain in Turkey's territorial
waters, but stay within a half
mile's sail in some of the islands now
belonging to Greece.

There is some question in the minds
of diplomats here as to the right of
a small boat to enter a closed port.
It is its size and equipment its mission
is obviously friendly. There is no
exact precedent, however, and as the
incident occurred within the territorial
waters of Turkey, the sovereign
right of the latter to make and enforce
her own regulations is recognized.
Should it be necessary for launches to
enter Turkish ports in the future, it
is considered probable that previous
arrangements will be made.

SMYRNA PRESENTS
ALMOST SPECIAL CASE

That Smyrna presents almost a spe-
cial case, as apart from the entire
situation in Turkey, is the belief of
officials familiar with the trend of
previous dispatches. The American
colony of fifty has been reported as
panicky ever since last May. Before
Turkey entered the war the American
consul often was anxious for the safety
of his consulate in Baltimore. Mr. P.
Sun. \$2.50 one way, \$4.00 round trip. De-
lightful and invigorating sail.

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NEGRO MANIAC AT LARGE

Adds Another to His List of Victims
in Chattanooga.

CHATTANOOGA, TENN., November
21.—D. A. Ronin, a small grocery mer-
chant in what is known as Tannery
Flat, was shot and, it is believed,
fatally injured at an early hour this
morning by a negro, supposed to be
the same negro who assassinated W.
H. Thomas, a grocery merchant in
South Chattanooga, on Thursday
night, and fatally wounded W. N.
Agnew, a butcher of the same local-
ity, Tuesday morning. Agnew died
last night.

Previous to this a negro night watch-
man for one of the large factories
was assassinated, and attempts were
made to kill several other watchmen.
All of these crimes are credited to a
supposed homicidal maniac, a negro
who has so far eluded the combined
efforts of the police, detective and
sheriff's forces. These frequent mur-
ders has caused a reign of terror in
the suburban districts, and if the per-
petrator is caught, he may meet sum-
mary punishment, as there is much
talk of mob violence.

FATE IN WHITMAN'S HANDS

Becker May Have to Appeal to New
Governor for Commutation or Pardon.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

NEW YORK, November 21.—Unless
all signs fail, Charles S. Becker, now
in the deathhouse at Sing Sing, will
have to appeal to Governor Charles S.
Whitman for commutation of his death
sentence or a pardon in case the Court
of Appeals sustains his conviction.
There seems to be no possibility that
the court will reach the Becker case
before January 1, and on that date
Mr. Whitman, who, as district attor-
ney, conducted the two Becker trials
and obtained a sentence of death, will
take the oath of office as Governor.

As a result of Mr. Whitman's ef-
forts, the four gunmen convicted as
aids of Becker, "Lefty" Louis, "Lefty"
Blood, "Dago" Frank, and "Lefty"
Lewis, were electrocuted last spring.
As Governor, Mr. Whitman may have
to speak the final word in the case
of the four gunmen, who may have to
go the same way as the four gunmen.

MINERS' BONDS REDUCED

Arrangements Completed for Release
of Arrested Men.

FORT SMITH, ARK., November 21.—

After an application for a reduction
of bond had been granted by Federal
Judge Frank Youngman, arrangements
practically were completed late to-
day for the release of the six miners
arrested on indictments found in con-
nection with the recent troubles in
Hartford Valley. In the majority of
the cases bond was reduced from
\$5,000 to \$2,000.

It was stated to-night that another
detachment of the twenty-six men in-
terior informed the commander of the
cruiser that the port of Smyrna was
mined and closed to navigation.

At Prairie Creek work continued
under the supervision of Franklin
Bache, Federal receiver for the Bache-
Bachelder interests. No disorder was
reported.

MYSTERY NOT CLEARED UP

Little Known of Fate of Steamer and
Two Lumber-Laden Schooners.

SAULT STE. MARIE, MICH., Novem-
ber 21.—Up to late to-day little in-
formation had reached here to clear
up the mystery surrounding the fate
of the steamer, E. Curtis, and the
lumber-laden schooners, E. Marvin
and Annie M. Peterson, in tow of the
Curtis, which were caught Thursday
in a severe storm on Lake Superior.
The steamer was reported to have
sunk, and the two schooners were re-
ported to have been wrecked and
burned.

None of the several other steamers
which went around along the upper
lakes during the gale was seriously
damaged.

INVESTIGATION BEGINS

American Steamer Charges Germans
With Violation of Neutrality.

SANTIAGO, CHILE, November 21.—
The American steamer Sacramento, un-
til a few months ago the German
flag, was reported to have been
paralyzed with a story charging viola-
tion of neutrality. The Sacramento
left San Francisco for Valparaiso
Sunday morning, and was reported to
have been seized on the high sea by a
German warship, taken to Juan Fernandez
Island, belonging to Chile, and obliged
to turn over his provisions and other
kind of coal. An investigation has been
begun.

LEAPS TO HIS DEATH

General Manager of Defunct Firm
Commits Suicide.

NEW YORK, November 21.—Will-
iam E. Hostelman, general manager
of the commission brokerage firm of
Frederick Probst & Co., which failed
last week for approximately \$1,000,000,
committed suicide to-day by hang-
ing five stories from the firm's offices.
In a downtown skyscraper.

Richard E. Dwight, attorney for the
firm, said Hostelman had been ques-
tioned about alleged irregularities.
The coroner found in the office an en-
velope addressed to Mrs. Hostelman,
containing this note: "Good-by,
sweetheart. Kiss the babies and
father. I could not help it."

WANT TO SEE PRESIDENT

Suffrage Leaders Renew Efforts for
Audience at White House.

WASHINGTON, November 21.—Un-
dismayed by President Wilson's former
refusals to support a constitu-
tional amendment for woman's suf-
frage, leaders of women's democratic
organizations are renewing their ef-
forts for another audience at the
White House. The question of receiv-
ing the women has not yet been placed
before the President.

CONDITION UNCHANGED

Widow of "Stonewall" Jackson Still
in Critically Ill.

CHARLOTTE, N. C., November 21.—
The condition of Mrs. Mary Ann Jack-
son, widow of "Stonewall" Jackson,
who has been critically ill since Wed-
nesday, continues practically un-
changed, although it is stated that she
was resting better this evening.

HARVARD MACHINE
CRUSHES YALE BY
SCORE OF 36 TO 0

More Than 70,000 Specta-
tors Watch Rout in
Stupefied Amazement.

CRIMSON TEAM RUSHES
AT WILL OVER OPPONENTS

One-Sided Result Fails to Give
Inkling of Thrilling Scope
of Play.

COOLIDGE MAKES 98-YARD RUN

Grip of Battle Holds Spellbound
Greatest Gathering Ever at
Football Game.

NEW HAVEN, November 21.—Har-
vard's football juggernaut crushed the
Yale eleven by 36 to 0 in the "bow"
here to-day, and the 71,000 specta-
tors watched the gridiron rout in
stupefied amazement.

The Crimson machine crushed up and
down the field almost at will, scoring
in every one of the four periods, and
when play had ended it had rolled up
the largest number of points ever re-
corded against an Eli eleven. With
the exception of the 1885 Yale victory
of 48 to 0, it was the greatest score
ever made in the thirty-four games
played since 1875.

The one-sided score fails to give the
slightest inkling of the thrilling scope
of play or the remarkable strategy and
individual brilliancy. The eleven
struggled back and forth the length
of the gridiron, every second or third
play bringing the cheering thousands
to their feet.

Spectators were bewildered by the
rapid successions of runs, passes and
kicks which were turned into scores
with almost as much rapidity as the
ways for Harvard. Far from the least
of these kaleidoscopic changes were
the fumbles Yale contributed in the
shadow of the Crimson goal posts, and
which Harvard turned into additional
touchdowns.

The grip of the game held spellbound
the greatest gathering of football en-
thusiasts ever assembled for an inter-
collegiate contest in this country. How
after row, the cement tiers rose in
great elliptical sweeps, each bearing
thousands of men and women, crowded
shoulder to shoulder, with the blue
sky the sun shone with just
enough power to take the chill from
the sharp November air.

YALE COHORTS REMAIN

LOYAL TO BITTER END

The Yale cohorts remained loyal to
the last, although they were the last
of the greatest eleven of all time.
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cept the safety. The Crimson's con-
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EDUCATORS OF
STATE MEET HERE
FOR CONFERENCE

Opening Session to Be Held
Tuesday at John Mar-
shall High School.

MANY SUBSIDIARY
MEETINGS SCHEDULED

Prominent Leaders of School
Work in Virginia Have
Part in Program.

CLAXTON TO MAKE ADDRESS

United States Commissioner of Edu-
cation Among Invited Guests
of Conference.

The ninth annual Virginia Educa-
tion Conference, which embraces many
subsidiary organizations, will begin
with a public meeting in the John Mar-
shall High School Tuesday night at
8:15 o'clock, and will continue through
Friday. The Virginia Education Con-
ference is one of the largest organiza-
tions of its kind in the South, and in
its membership are numbered practi-
cally all the teachers in the State, so
that a large gathering of primary, sec-
ondary and collegiate educators is ex-
pected here this week.

The conference will be opened Tues-
day night under the auspices of the
State Teachers' Association, with N. E.
Clement, president of the latter asso-
ciation, presiding. An address of wel-
come will be delivered by Mayor
Ainslie, and Superintendent of Public
Instruction R. C. Stearnes will tell of
"The Year's Progress." Governor
Stuart will also make an address, and
he will be followed by P. P. Claiborn,
United States Commissioner of Educa-
tion.

CONFERENCE MEETS
IN MANY SECTIONS

Meetings will be held morning, af-
ternoon and night in various schools
and places of assembly. While most
of them will be concerned with tech-
nical discussion of the art and method
of teaching and of the proper subject
matter to be taught, the majority of
the night meetings will be of special in-
terest to the general public, in that
learned men and prominent educators
will address themselves to discussion
of the problems in which all the people,
especially parents, are concerned.

Among the public speakers will be Dr.
Alphonso Smith, of the University
of Virginia, Dr. James M. Smith, of
the College of William and Mary; Dr.
A. W. McWhorter, of Hampden-Sydney
College; Dr. W. H. Heck, of the Uni-
versity of Virginia; Dr. J. P. McConnell,
president of the Radford Normal
School; Dr. E. G. Gaines, of Richmond College,
and Professor William A. Kepner, of
the University of Virginia.

ELABORATE ENTERTAINMENT

An elaborate program of entertain-
ment has been arranged for the confer-
ence. It will be many alumni reunions
during the convention. On Wednesday
night at 8:15 o'clock there will be a musical
and reception to the conference mem-
bers under the auspices of the Wes-
tern Teachers' Association to the confer-
ence members. On Friday after-
noon at 2:30 o'clock a theatre party
will be tendered the visitors by the
local chapter of the Red Cross So-
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tribution of "Mammy Liza" Jones, an
old-timer, who brought her donation
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terday that the society offers the use
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sible committee representing any
of the Italian Benevolent Society, or
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except cash, a special day will be set
aside. Colonel Boykin, chairman of
the State committee, hopes to secure
some terminal warehouse in Norfolk,
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the ship sails. The loading of the
ship will be largely under the direc-
tion of H. L. Ferguson, chairman of
the committee of the First District,
who will be accompanied by Mrs. Ella
Flagg Young, superintendent of the Chicago
public schools, in an address here to-
day before the National League of
Compulsory Education officials. She
declared that unless new methods are
adopted, children cannot be held in
school.

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ceived at headquarters yesterday:
Proceeds of an entertainment, \$40; A.
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\$2; J. D. J. of Smithfield, \$10; Miss
Griffin, \$6; E. G. C. of The Plains, \$1.50.

Address by John Garland Pollard,
Richmond.

In the Virginia Mechanics' Insti-
tute on Friday morning at 9 o'clock.

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Countess Grey and wounded soldiers at her estate.

At Howick Castle, Northumberland, there are many wounded Belgians
and British soldiers recuperating from their wounds. The handsome estate
of the Countess Grey has been turned into a military hospital by her and her
two daughters. The photo shows Joseph Jacobs, a sergeant in the Tirahant
Regiment and a student of Louvain University, showing his wounds and
narrating his experience to two of the workers at Howick Castle. Sergeant
Jacobs is only eighteen years old, but has been in every engagement with
the Belgians from Liege to Malines, where he was severely injured.

TWO OFFERS OF SHIPS
FOR VIRGINIA GIFTS
PAISH SUDDENLY CALLED
HOME BY LLOYD GEORGE

Spontaneous Action for Relief of
Belgian People Taken All
Over State.

Contributions in Clothes Will Be Col-
lected in Central Warehouse on
Date to Be Fixed—Money Aid Is
Coming in Daily.

Two offers of ships to convey Vir-
ginia's gift to the starving Belgians
were received yesterday by the Bel-
gian Relief Commission. One of the
offers came from the New York office
of the London central committee. In
his letter, Lindon W. Bates, vice-chair-
man of the committee, said that if
Virginia could secure a full cargo, a
ship, to sail from Norfolk, could un-
doubtedly be supplied. The other offer
came to Belgian Consul Frederick E.
Nolting from J. Gustavus Whitely, of
Baltimore, a member of the central
committee of the Belgian Relief Fund.
Mr. Whitely promised a ship, and of-
fered, further, that if the cargo re-
ached a stage where it was nearly com-
plete and there was difficulty in fin-
ishing it, the central committee would
do what it could to complete the cargo.

The executive committee of the local
relief commission, of which George W.
Rogers is chairman, met in the Cham-
ber of Commerce yesterday afternoon
and approved plans for the Belgian
Bazaar Day and for the big concert to
be given in the City Auditorium on
Wednesday night under the leadership
of Henry Baker, director of the Wednes-
day Club chorus. Thomas J. Leahy
was elected treasurer. His post-office
address is Box 475. W. Meade Addi-
son, of the First National Bank,
consented to serve as secretary of
the Bazaar Day fund. Special tellers
will be at the bank Wednesday night
to receive the contents of the vari-
ous boxes.

OLD-TIME COLORED MAMMY
SENDS HER CONTRIBUTION

A number of contributions, ranging
from \$1 to \$50, were received at local
headquarters yesterday. A touching
incident in regard to one of the con-
tributions was related by W. C. Cross
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EXTREME WEATHER
HALTS OPERATIONS
ON BATTLE FRONT

Fighting Is Mild Compared
With Fierceness of Pre-
vious Encounters.

DESULTORY ARTILLERY
DUEL AT SOME POINTS

Allies Appear to Have Advantage,
but Give No Signs of
Offensive.

CONSIDER POSITIONS SAFE

Germans Offer Stubborn Resistance
to Russian Advance in
East Prussia.

Winter Interferes
With Operations

LATEST official reports from
Flanders and France indicate
that the opposing armies, except at
isolated points, are resting, possi-
bly because winter has interfered
with active operations on an exten-
sive scale.

The French War Office reports
quiet at all points except in the
Woevre district, where the Ger-
mans, who made five attacks in
man in two hours, were checked
by French artillery fire.

Great battles are under way be-
tween the Vistula and the Warthe
in Russian Poland, with General
von Hindenburg and Grand Duke
Nicholas as opposing commanders,
and on the Cracow-Czestochowa
front.

Petrograd reports merely that the
fighting continues, but from Vienna
comes an official statement that the
Austrian attack in the latter district is
progressing favorably, and that north-
east of Czestochowa two Russian
battalions have surrendered.

The Socialists in Copenhagen, who
are in touch with the Socialists in
Berlin, estimate the men engaged
on the Russo-German frontiers at
7,000,000, of whom 5,000,000 are Ger-
mans and Austrians and 2,000,000
are Russians.

The Italian newspapers print dis-
patches from Syria and Palestine
saying the Turks and Germans are
making strenuous efforts to induce
the population of Egypt to rebel
against Great Britain.

Two sons of General Christian de
Wet, leader of rebel forces in South
Africa, have surrendered to a magis-
trate, according to a Reuter dis-
patch from Cape Town.

LONDON, November 21 (9:30 P. M.).—
The extremely cold weather and the ex-
haustion of the troops have virtually
brought the battle in Flanders and
France to a standstill. A desultory
artillery duel continues at some points
along the front, and there has been
an occasional infantry attack, but for
the last few days the fighting has been
case history of what the fierceness of